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THE TOWLES FAMILY.

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4. Stokeley Towles was born in 1711. His wife, Catherine, was daughter of Thomas Martin, of Corotoman, Lancaster county. In addition to the issue given, he had also three daughters, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Reveley, who married, secondly, Dr. Croughton.

18. Colonel HENRY⁴ TOWLES, of "Towles Point," born 1738, died 1799, was a member of the Lancaster County Committee of Safety, 1774-76, was a Colonel of militia during the Revolution, and apparently County Lieutenant of Lancaster in 1794. He was also a member of the House of Delegates in 1783, and probably other years, clerk of Lancaster, 1794-1799, and member of the Virginia Convention of 1788. He married Judith Diggs.

Issue: 22. Henry;⁵ 23. Stokeley,⁵ married Mary Ball, removed to Spotsylvania county, and died 1811, leaving one child, Mary, who married Charles Jett; 24. Elizabeth Martin, died young; 25. Sarah, married Charles Leland, of Northumberland county; 26. James;⁵ 27. Frances, born April 14, 1781, died October 5, 1816, married her cousin, Porteus Towles; 28. Thomas;⁵ 29. Oliver, believed to have died childless.

19. Colonel THOMAS⁴ TOWLES (*Stokeley*⁵) of "Millbrook," Spotsylvania county, born February 21, 1750, died May 22, 1813. At the beginning of the Revolution he was quartermaster to the Caroline county battalion of militia. (See warrant to him, December 16, 1776, *Virginia Council Journal*.) Later in life he was a Colonel of militia, and represented Spotsylvania county in the House of Delegates in 1783, and probably other years. He married Mary (born September 8, 1755, died May 6, 1813), daughter of John Smith, of "Rickahock," King and Queen county, and his wife Mary, daughter of Larkin Chew. (See "Robert Beverley and His Descendants," formerly published in this magazine.)

Issue: 30. Elizabeth, born May 25, 1774, married, first, William Brock, second, January 19, 1803, Philip Slaughter; 31. Mary Smith, born March 27, 1777, married, December 10, 1802, Anthony Thornton, and died July 14, 1820, in Bourbon county, Kentucky; 32. John;⁵ 33. Thomas;⁵ 34. Henry;⁵ 35. Therit; 36. Oliver, died young; 37. Ann, born December 24, 1793; 38. Larkin Smith,⁵ born May 18, 1796, died unmarried in Bourbon county, Kentucky, 1829; 39. Frances, A. M. L., born August 16, 1800, married in Kentucky, 1818, John Hughes Sublett.

20. Major STOKLEY⁴ TOWLES (*Stokeley*⁵) removed to Goochland county. He was a Captain of militia in that county during the Revolution. (See *Cal. Va. State Papers*, I, 582, where is finding of a court martial, March 1781, on which he sat.)

Major Stokeley Towles afterwards removed to Spotsylvania county. He married Elizabeth Porteus (born February 21, 1752), daughter of

Robert Downman and Elizabeth Porteus (stated to have been a sister of Bishop Porteus).

Issue: 40. Elizabeth,⁵ married Thomas Hughes; 41. Mildred William Ellis; 42. Nancy, married, first, William Thrailkill, second, Gabriel Minter; 43. Kate, never married; 44. *Porteus*,⁵ 45. *Thomas*,⁵ 46. Stokely,⁵ never married, was killed; 47. *William*,⁵ 48. *Rawleigh Downman*.⁵

21. Colonel OLIVER⁴ TOWLES (*John*³) of Spotsylvania county, born September 1, 1736, died 1825. He studied law under Edmund Pendleton, and had a large practice at the outbreak of the Revolution, but then at once entered the army and served with distinguished gallantry throughout the war. He was commissioned Captain 6th Virginia Regiment, February 16, 1776, and Major, 15 August, 1777, was taken prisoner at the battle of Germantown, and not exchanged until 1780. On February 12, 1781, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel 5th Virginia Regiment, to rank from February 1, 1778, and retired January 1, 1783. He received from Virginia land bounty for seven years and nine months service. After the war he was secretary of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati. He removed to Campbell county and recommenced the practice of law, but his health failing he settled in Lynchburg where he died, at the home of his son, Oliver. Colonel Towles married Mary, widow of John Smith, of "Rickahock," and daughter of Larkin Chew, of Spotsylvania county.

Issue (There may have been others of whom we are not informed): 49. Frances, married Robert Stevenson, of Lewisburg (now West Virginia), a son of Rev. James Stevenson; 50. *Oliver*,⁶ 51. Henry B.,⁶ lieutenant U. S. Infantry, 16th March, 1792; of the 4th Sub Legion, 4th September, 1792, and was killed, August 24, 1794, at the battle of Mawmee.

22. HENRY⁵ TOWLES (*Henry*⁴), of Lancaster county, married Alice Chilton. Issue: 53. *James*.⁶

26. JAMES⁵ TOWLES (*Henry*⁴), of Corotoman, Lancaster, was clerk of that county, 1799-1820, and died 1820. He married Felicia Chowning. Issue: 54. *John*.⁶

28. THOMAS⁵ TOWLES (*Henry*⁴), of Northumberland county, Va.; born —, died 1838; married, October 1, 1807, Margaret D., eldest daughter of Colonel James Moore, of "Northumberland House," Northumberland county (formerly of Pennsylvania), and Sally Delaney, his wife.

Issue: 56. James Moore;⁶ 57. Henry Martin,⁶ born November 25, 1810, died September 15, 1814; 58. Thomas,⁶ born January 23, 1818, died April 5, 1822; 59. Henry,⁶ born July 18, died October 15, 1815; 60. Sally,⁶ of Raleigh, N. C., in 1899; 61. Margaret Delaney, born February 3, 1820, died —, married John P. McAdam; 62. Rev. Daniel Sharpe, a Presbyterian minister, living, at Crabtree, N. C., in 1899.

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